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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 17, 18 and 27-33 were previously pending in this Application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 17 and 18 have been allowed and Claims 27-33 have been rejected. By the above amendment, Claims 27-33 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 17 and 18 are now pending in the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Within the Office Action, Claims 27-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0194596 A1 to Srivastava (hereinafter "Srivastava"). By the above amendments, Claims 27-33 have been canceled.

All of the pending Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 17 and 18 have been allowed.

For the reasons given above, the applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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